



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
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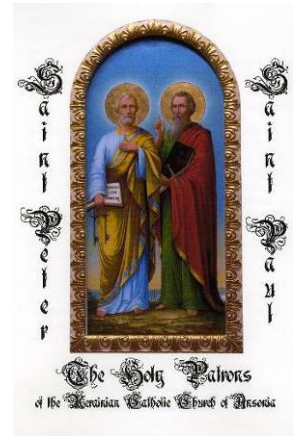
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Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor

February 7, 2021

*Leaders of the Apostles and
teachers of the world, pray to the
Master of all to grant peace to the
world and great mercy to our souls.*



Sunday of Meatfare – Sunday of the Fearful Judgement, Our Venerable Father Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 Tone: Sheet

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

SATURDAY: Not Now! 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 3:00PM to 3:30 PM

**Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and
9:30AM until 10:00AM**

**Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM
Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.**

**Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule,
mail it to the church or bring it to Bob Jaskilka, Michael
Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young**

**Address or Name Change/New Phone Number –
Please update your records. See Bob Jaskilka, or
Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info. Returned
checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee**.**

**Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be
in writing by Wednesday @6PM to be included in
that week's bulletin.**

**Parish Council meets every 3rd Wednesday of
every month @7:15pm in the church hall.**

**Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon
or by Appointment on other days**

******Please Note ******

Mass Offerings, Sorokousty

Mother's Day, Father's Day

**Checks must be made out to the Fr. Young
not the Church ! Thank You...**

Baptism Arrangement for baptism is to be made
personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an
appointment.

Marriage – Arrangements for marriage are to be
made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date.
Please call rectory for an appointment.

Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly
and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young
at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any
hospitalization.**

In your Estate planning – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul
Church in your will.

Stewardship - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve
one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter
4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time,
money, prayers, and personal service according to their
circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the
universal Church

**Special Share in the Eucharist *– Bread & Wine
offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week -
\$20.00 Donors/intentions will be listed.**

Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

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**Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available
for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.**

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All start on Monday to Sunday!

***Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

A **Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish** to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, **please fill out the form below**. Each household **must be registered** at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.




Name _____ Phone# _____
Address _____ E-mail _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)

From the Vespers of this Sunday: When the thrones are set up and the books are opened, and God sits in judgment, O what fear there will be then! When the angels stand trembling in Your presence and the river of fire flows before You, what shall we do then, guilty of many sins? When we hear Him call the blessed of His Father into the Kingdom, but send the sinners to their punishment, who shall endure His fearful condemnation? But Savior, who alone love mankind, King of the ages, before the end comes turn me back through repentance and have mercy on me

Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered

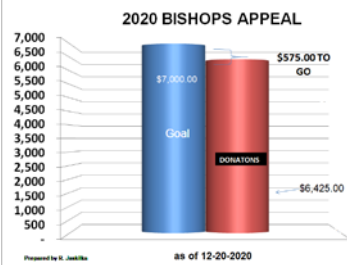
02/06	Saturday	9:00 AM	First All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy offered for All the Faithfully departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved Deceased
02/07	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Andrew & Milka Kuncik req.by granddaughters Audrey Sokol & Helene Cass & Family
02/08	Monday	10:00 AM	+Jerry Kasprzyk req. by Melania Kasprzyk
02/09	Tuesday	10:00 AM	+Adele Comcowich
02/10	Wednesday		No Liturgy
02/11	Thursday	10:00 AM	+Harry Gela req. by Dorothy Duda
02/12	Friday		No Liturgy
02/13	Saturday		No Liturgy
02/14	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Judith B. Walker req. by Peter & Barbara Pysarchyk

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory of +Maria, +Alexsy Garan & +Steven Gyba by Julia Gyba</i>		
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Julia & Petro Gebuza by Mr & Mrs Jan Gebuza</i>		
SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Antonina Zanowiak by Wasyl & Jaroslawa Sembrat & Family</i>		
Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates None Offered		Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates 2/15/21-2/21/21 2/22/21-2/28/21 3/8/21-3/14/21 4/26/21-5/02/21 5/3/21-5/9/21 5/10/21-5/16/21 5/31/21-6/6/21 6/14/21-6/20/21 8/2/21-8/8/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 9/6/21-9/12-21 9/20/21-9/26/21 11/22/21-11/28/21	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 2/15/21-2/21/21 3/1/21-3/7/21 4/26/21-5/02/21 5/10/21-5/16/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 9/6/21-9/12-21	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 2/15/21-2/21/21

2020 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.
Please bring your dues book to the church hall **dues will not be collected in the rectory** Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.
Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !
Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!
Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

******Notice****** The Men's room **is closed for renovation** till further notice. Ladies bathroom will be used by everyone.



2020 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of February continues and hope to complete

the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2020**.

This fund provides support for many programs in the Diocese as indicated in the Sower. Our offering reminds us that we are members of a greater body of the Church that operates beyond the barriers of our local parish and that each one of us has a role to play in the Church's mission of evangelization and sanctification.

Please note: that at this time our seminary in Stamford is growing and needs your support.

You have received by mail your request for support.

Please help this fund as you have in the past.

Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!! Do not use Paypal !!!

There will be collectors to take your donation for 2020 in the church hall or mail it in to church !

Donations \$6,425.00 or 90.4% to go \$575.00 This week \$0.00.

The 2020 Stamford Diocesan Charities Appeal form has been sent. Please make checks payable to:

"The Byzantine Rite Diocese of Stamford" and send or bring your donation to the church.

Cash is acceptable form for payment.

Do not use Paypal for your donation !

Since every parish in the diocese has been assessed a target for this campaign, **please do not send your gift directly to Stamford.** Our parish needs to be properly credited to meet its goal of seven thousand dollars. We have met our goal over the last nine years and have not had to put any additional strain on our parish's treasury. While many of our regular contributors have fallen asleep in the Lord, it is even more essential that every parishioner consider such diocesan programs as vocations, religious education, evangelization, and stewardship worthy of personal charity.

This Year 2020 because of Covid-19 we are beginning the Charities Appeal in September which is later than other years. Hopefully now by God's grace as Autumn approaches we all will be blessed with good health in our homes and our community.



+In Memory

Please remember in your prayers parishioner **+Alan S. Wilson 69**, husband of Karen A. Wilson of Seymour, Passed away January 29, 2021. Alan was a US Army veteran who served in Vietnam War. A celebration of Alan's life will be announced at a later date. Spring time interment with Military Honors will take place in our cemetery.

You fought the good battles now its time for you to Rest in Peace!

Memorial contributions maybe made to St. Peter & St Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Vichnaya jomu Pam'iat.

ION BANK DONATIONS: Parishioners and friends who have a savings account at Ion Bank are encouraged to vote during the month of February thru March 31st, 2021 for **Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church**, so that our church would be able to receive a donation from the Ion Bank Foundation Community Awards Program. Ion Bank is a Connecticut Bank with a main office in Naugatuck and branches in Ansonia and Oxford. If you have any questions call Ion Bank at 203-729-4442.

PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting
February 17th
2021



Monthly Meeting of St Peter & St Paul Board of Directors

Wednesday evening February 17th, 2021

@ 7:15 pm in the church hall

All Board members are requested to attend!!!!

Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced !

ANNUAL PARISH CORPORATION MEETING of Saint Peter & Saint Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

is scheduled for **Sunday, February 21st, 2021**
in the church hall immediately following the 10 AM Divine Liturgy.
Snow date February 28th, 2021.

All parishioners in good standing are urged to attend!

Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced !

Lenten Regulations 2021 Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford

By the threefold discipline of fasting, prayer and almsgiving the Church keeps the Great Fast/Lent from Monday, **February 15** (March 15 - Julian Calendar), after Cheesefare Sunday to the day before Easter, Holy Saturday, **April 3** (May 1).

The following regulations apply, in general, to all Ukrainian Catholics of the Stamford Eparchy between ages 21 to 60:

Abstinence from meat and dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast, **February 15** (March 15), and on Good Friday, **April 2** (April 30).

The following regulations apply, in general, to all Ukrainian Catholics of the Stamford Eparchy between ages 14 to 60:

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on **all Fridays** of the Great Fast.

Abstinence from meat is suggested and encouraged on all Wednesdays of the Great Fast.

Note: The following are exempt from abstinence: 1. The poor who live on alms; 2. The sick and the frail; 3. Convalescents who are returning to their strength; 4. Pregnant women, and women who are nursing their children; and 5. Persons who perform hard labor.

Meat is to be understood as including not only the flesh, but also those parts of warm-blooded animals that cannot be rendered, i. e., melted down, e. g., the liver, lungs, blood, etc. meat gravy or soup made from meat is included in this prohibition.

Dairy products are to be understood as comprising products derived from mammals and birds, but not regarded as meat, e. g., cheese, lard, butter, milk, eggs, etc.

Eucharistic Fast:

A fast of one hour from food (prior to service starting time) should be kept by those receiving the Eucharist at the evening celebration of the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, as well as the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great.

SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE - SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9; 2 ~ Gospel - Matthew 25:31-46 - Tone 3

On this the Sunday of the Last Judgment, we read that the standard of judgment is how we treat the hungry, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the prisoner. To the extent that we serve these needy people, we serve our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. And to the extent that we neglect them, we neglect Him. Christ says to the righteous, "In that you did it to the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." And He says to those headed for punishment, "In that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."

We learn from this passage that our relationship with God is manifested—is shown—in our relationship to the people we encounter every day. The Christian life does not require us to perform extraordinary displays of asceticism and piety, but instead to become living icons of our Lord's love and mercy in the mundane details of our lives, in our interactions with others, in our use of time, energy, and all our gifts and resources.

St. John wrote in his Epistle, "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" He also writes, "But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him,

how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but indeed and in truth."

It is quite a challenge, however, actually to be so united with Christ that we convey His love and mercy to everyone we meet, especially those who are needy and inconvenient. That's a very high standard of holiness.

Most of us are probably a long way from meeting that standard of holiness. Instead of overflowing with Christ-like love and mercy toward the needy, inconvenient, and annoying, all too often we look for excuses not to help others because we have more important things to do. And we are too



busy and don't have enough resources. Other people's problems are their fault and their concern, not ours. Of course, these are simply excuses and lies that we tell ourselves due to our laziness and self-centeredness.

It sounds so easy, but we all know how hard it is in practice. And that's why we need the spiritual practices of Great Lent, such as fasting, prayer, almsgiving, forgiveness, and reconciliation. For when we humble ourselves before God and our neighbors in these ways, we open our lives to His strength, power, and healing. When we turn our attention from self-centeredness to God-centeredness, we gain experience in saying No to ourselves and Yes to Him.

Let's remember that we fast and undertake other spiritual disciplines in Lent so that we won't cause others to stumble, so that our passions will be healed by our Lord's mercy and we will then be in a position to become channels of His love to our neighbors. As we prepare for our Lenten journey, we should keep in mind that fasting is not first of all about food, but a tool that can help us fight deep seated passions that keep us from seeing and serving Christ in our neighbors. A bit of almsgiving won't change the world, but it will change us by giving us practice in attending to the needs of others in how we use our resources. Prayer isn't magic, but in order to grow in union with Christ we must get in the habit of at least giving Him our attention.

If we want to become like the righteous in today's gospel passage, if we want to be so filled with the love of Christ that we share His mercy with everyone we encounter, we need to take our medicine, we need therapy for the healing of our souls. That's what Great Lent will soon provide us: a time to turn away from everything that keeps us from recognizing Christ in our neighbors and to learn to love Him in them. As our Savior said, "In **that you did it to the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.**" Let's use Lent to become the kind of people who already know the joy of the Kingdom of God. (*Excerpt from Ancient Faith blogs*)



PARISH GREAT FAST / LENTEN PRAYER CAMPAIGN VOCATION CRISIS

"THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW" (Matt. 9; 37)

If we look around, are we aware of the lack of vocations? Are we concerned that in the future we will not have priests to serve our parishes, to serve the people of God; we will not have religious men and women to teach our children, to come and preach the Word of God to us? We know that God's voice is heard in and through the Church, and the Church is heard in the words of the clergy, those who are serving in the consecrated life and through the faithful of the parish. But will that 'voice' be silenced?

If we are not aware or concerned, we need to take a good hard look within our Eparchies, our Deaneries / Protopresbyterates, our parishes and begin to acknowledge that there is a Vocations Crisis; that in a few short years it will affect each of us. With this awareness, we need to become more involved in the fostering of vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, the monastic and religious life.

As we are entering the Churches Liturgical season of preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection, we are instructed by the Church, during this penitential season of the Great Fast, to **"Pray, Fast and do Charitable works – Almsgiving"**.

As a Vibrant Parish Faith Community, let us enter the Great Fast with the resolve and goal to devote our personal prayer time, offering them for Vocations to our Church. We all need to make a concerted effort to promote vocations... a concerted effort to become aware of potential candidates and encourage them in their discernment. Pray that they may truly listen to God's call.

During the Fast, a program of awareness and prayer will be initiated at St. Nicholas. **We will be initiating a Prayer and Fast Campaign.**

We are asking that all parishioners fully commit themselves to deep, sincere prayer for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, the monastic and religious life. Weekly, there will be prayers posted in the bulletin, petitions for vocations will be added to the Liturgy and regular reminders will be posted on our website and on Facebook.

It is the hope that beginning with the first day of the Great Fast, February 15, each of us will totally commit to this 40 Journey to Pascha with the resolve to sincerely pray that the hearts of many will be open to the call to a life of service to God and his faithful.

April 25, 2021 – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON:

KINGDOM OF GOD: Page 62, Section 168; Page 75, Section 208; Page 120, Sections 338-339

Thus this Wednesday evening at Vespers our Church Prayers: The springtime of the Fast has dawned, * the flower of repentance has budded forth. * O brethren, let us cleanse ourselves from all impurity * and chant unto the Giver of Light, saying: ** Glory be to You who alone loves mankind.

Your martyrs, O Lord, * strengthened by faith and hope, * united in soul by the love of Your Cross, * destroyed the tyranny of the enemy; * and, having received crowns of glory, ** they intercede together with the bodiless hosts, on behalf of our souls. Glory ..., Now & ever ..., Theotokion in Tone IV: First in holiness among the saints, * the praise of the heavenly hosts, * the hymn of the apostles, * the cause and reason of the prophets, ** O Sovereign Lady, do you accept our prayers.

Then the Prayer of St Ephraim: (Once only) : O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, and idle talking give me not. (Prostration) But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience, and love bestow upon me Thy servant. (Prostration) Yea, O Lord King, grant me to see my own failings and not condemn my brother; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen. (Prostration)



Lenten February Actually, February is really the perfect month for Lent. In the midst of our sense of hopelessness and despair, Lent challenges us to take a break, to put things on hold for a moment, to step back and look at ourselves and the lives we are leading. The season challenges us to confront those things and situations that make us less than what we – and God – want us to be. The weather notwithstanding, our Lenten February speaks to us of hope: that we can be reborn and re-created in the life and love of God as sure as spring and summer will dawn. Let us enter the ‘wilderness’ this month with

Christ that, in the quiet and peace of Lent, we may rediscover hope and purpose, and rekindle to light and warmth of God’s love in our lives

Four Signs of a Healthy Lenten Spirituality

Sr. Melannie Svoboda

PARISH LIFE - February 2006, #263

OUR FASTING during Lent should be integral to our daily living. Some people choose to do only 'tacked-on penances.' Rather than looking at their daily life to find sacrifices they could embrace, they opt for penances that are extraneous to their lives. A man might be a workaholic, for example, but gives up chocolate for Lent. Wouldn't it be a more fitting penance for him to 'fast' from his work and spend more time with his family?

Healthy penance flows from our relationships, responsibilities and religious convictions. Some examples of this type of penance are the following: to drive more compassionately, to be more patient with coworkers, to be kinder to store clerks, to visit an elderly relative or friend, to be honest in all our dealings, to slow down, to extend forgiveness, to do a favor for a neighbor, to volunteer at the parish, to count blessings.

Open to me the doors/gates (πύλας) of repentance, O Giver of Life: for early in the morning my spirit seeks Your holy temple, bearing a temple of the body all defiled. But in Your compassion cleanse it by Your loving-kindness and mercy." (Byzantine Hymn at Sunday Matins before and during Lent)

This pre-Lenten and Lenten hymn reminds me of "doors" that are presently closed. Otherwise I would not be asking for them to be opened. The fact is, I have closed the way leading to change, or "change of mind" ("metanoia" or repentance), having stagnated in certain, habitual patterns that "defile" (from "defouler," to trample down) or "trample down" my growth in God, the Giver of Life. And I need help, when it comes to making a change and opening those "doors" again, leading to change.

So this is an exciting time, this pre-Lenten season, which speaks primarily of change; a change I can enter into, when I pick up the simple tools laid out before me in the prayers, discipline, and atmosphere of Lent. It reminds me of the exciting time when John the Baptist first proclaimed a great change that was coming, as he "prepared the way of the Lord" and "went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins..." (Lk 3: 3) So let me join in and embrace this season of change; a change I can believe in.

GREAT LENT

THE JOURNEY TO PASCHA



LET US BEGIN THE FAST WITH JOY! LET US PREPARE OURSELVES FOR SPIRITUAL EFFORTS! LET US PURIFY OUR SOULS AND CLEANSSE OUR FLESH! LET US ABSTAIN FROM EVERY PASSION AS WE ABSTAIN FROM FOOD! LET US REJOICE IN VIRTUES OF THE SPIRIT AND FULFIL THEM IN LOVE! THAT WE MAY ALL SEE THE HOLY PASSION OF CHRIST OUR GOD! AND REJOICE IN SPIRIT AT THE HOLY PASCHA!

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	<p> "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7 (KJV)</p>	

